

an upper half shell including a flange;  
a lower half shell including a cylindrical mantle and a circular plug;  
a first threaded coupling having left-handed threading located between the cylindrical mantle and the flange; and  
a second threaded coupling having right-handed threading located between the cylindrical mantle and the circular plug.

16. (New) A method of assembling the anti-deflagrating actuator of claim 14, comprising the steps of:

engaging a left-handed threading of the cylindrical mantle with a left-handed threading of the flange;  
engaging a right-handed threading of the cylindrical mantle with a right-handed threading of the circular plug; and  
rotating the cylindrical mantle relative to the flange and to the circular plug.

#### **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 13, and 15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, claim 14 is amended, and claim 16 is added. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the amendment. Claims 14 and 16 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner disapproved of the proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawings, filed on 12/23/02, under 37 CFR 1.121(f) because they introduce new matter. The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 4, 6-8, and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing

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